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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 8-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 8-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communication filed on April 24, 2008.

Response to Amendment

The examiner has acknowledged the amendment of claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 5-7.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 8-12 and 14-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 8-10, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bueno US Patent 5532689 in view of Claus et al. US Patent 5310999 and further in view of Cudlitz US Patent H2120 .

Regarding claim 1, 4, 9, 10, Bueno teaches an identification tag component comprising:

a smart card housing (i.e identification tag shell (4)) having an outer surface as shown in the drawing, a transmitter (9), an identification tag interface (6) communicably connected to said transmitter (9) and adapted to read fixed identification data (i.e. CCUI) from an identification tag (5) which was fixedly stored therein {see col. 2, lines 53-62+}; and the transmitter transmits identification data {see col. 3, lines 10-12}. means on said outer surface (i.e. card-presence detecting contact) for holding the identification tag in communicable proximity to said identification tag interface {col. 3, lines 13-16}; a processor (8) for processing said read identification data and operable to validate the identification tag based on the read identification data and generate a verification signal {see paragraph bridging cols. 2 and 3}; Bueno is silent on teaching the identification data from a given card remain unchanged over multiple reads and a biometric reader mounted on the shell. Claus et al. in an analogous art teaches the identification information on the card is fixed (col. 3 lines 60-64, col. 9 lines 2-19) and therefore does not change after multiple reads. Cudlitz, in an analogous art, teaches of "a biometric data reader 100 communicably connected to said transmitter 204 and processor 202, wherein said processor 202 receives input biometric data from said biometric data reader 100 and said processor processes said input biometric data and wherein stored biometric data is stored on the identification card and said processor processes said stored biometric data and said processor determines if the input biometric data is substantially related to the stored biometric data and generates a biometric verification signal and wherein said transmitter transmits said biometric verification signal" {see Cudlitz, Figure 2, col. 3, lines 20+}.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art for the identification data from a given card to remain unchanged over multiple reads in Bueno because alternative means such as data encryption of the card identification information is widely use to prevent fraudulent use of the smart card and the biometric reader provides increased security and at the same time, expedite processing of smart cards passing through access gates.

Regarding claim 2, Bueno teaches powering the card (col. 2 lines 54-55) but is silent on teaching the transmitter is an active transmitter. Claus et al. in an analogous art teaches an active transmitter (col. 5, lines 63-66) in order to provided a constant voltage supply for increase transmission range.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have an active transmitter in Bueno as disclosed by Claus et al. because the active transmitter provides an increase transmission range.

Regarding claim 3, Bueno teaches the tag interface is a smart card memory interface (col. 2 lines 50-53).

Regarding claim 8, Bueno teaches the identification data (CCUI) is authorization data that prevents fraud {see col. 3, lines 13-18}.

Regarding claim 10, Bueno teaches the identification data (CCUI) identifies equipment, such as a motor vehicle passing through the motorway toll station {see col. 2, lines 18-20}.

Claims 11-12 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bueno US Patent 5532689 in view of Burger US Patent 6219439 and further in view of Dulude et al. US Patent 6310966.

Regarding claim 11, claim 11 recites the remote identification tag holder of claim 1, further comprising a location receiver (see Bueno, 2) receiving transmissions from said transmitter (see Bueno, 9), and a location processor (see Bueno, 3) connected to said location receiver (see Bueno, 2). Bueno does not disclose a "biometric input independent of the identification card". Burger teaches of a handheld card reader 12 including a biometric input (i.e. fingerprint scanner 16) independent of the identification card 14, as shown in Figure 1 {also see Burger, column 5, lines 6-27}. Burger, suggests that combining an ID card reader and biometric characteristic of an individual is advantageous because an ID card by itself can easily be defeated by a hacker {see Burger, col. 3, lines 13-27}. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of applicant's invention, to include a biometric input independent of the identification card in the system of Bueno because, as taught by Burger, a hacker can easily defeat an ID card by itself. Bueno in view of Burger do not disclose "hash of the biometric data" as claimed. Dulude et al. in an analogous art teaches the generation of a hash of the biometric data and transmitting the biometric data and the hash to a location receiver (col. 6 lines 1-12) and also illustrated in figure 4.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in art at the time of the invention to hash the biometric data of Bueno and to transmit the hash along with the biometric data because a hash function secures biometric data during transmission without unduly increasing the cost

and complexity of the biometric application.

Regarding claim 12, Bueno teaches that the remote identification tag identification system of claim 11, further comprising a system identification database in communication with said location processor, wherein said location process or further processes stored identification data {see Bueno, paragraph bridging cols. 2 and 3}.

Regarding claim 14, Bueno teaches the location processor processes the identification information to determine the identity (col. 2 line 64-col. 3 line 8).

Regarding claims 15 and 16, Bueno teaches the identification data is authorization data {see Bueno, col. 2, lines 18-37}.

Regarding claim 17, Bueno teaches the fixed station (1) which contains the location receiver and the location processor is used as a motor way toll station (col. 2 lines 46-53). Although Bueno do not disclose expressly "a second location receiver and a second location processor, wherein said second location processor is in communication with said system identification database, one skilled in the art recognizes that a toll road with a plurality of lanes uses a plurality of fixed station for collecting the toll for a toll road with multiple lanes.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have a second location receiver and a second location processor, wherein said second location processor is in communication with said system identification database because this enables the collection of tolls at a multiple lanes toll road.

Regarding claim 18, Bueno teaches that said identification tag interface is a smart card reader (memory interface) as shown in the drawings.

Regarding claims 19 and 20, although Bueno does not disclose an access barrier, wherein said location processor processes said received, identification to determine access authorization and causes said access barrier to move when access is authorized", the use of ID tags for access is conventional, as evidenced by Burger {see Burger col. 1, lines 16-18}, and would have been obvious in the system Of Bueno. As such, Burger teaches using the remote identification tag identification system for access through an access barrier (i.e. door 44 or gate) as claimed {see Burger, Fig. 2; col. 6, lines 39-56+; col. 7, lines 46-50}. Burger suggests that it is advantageous to use the identification tag system in providing access through a door because due to the authentication process, it prevents unauthorized users gaining entry through the door {see Burger col, 8, lines 16- 34}.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of applicant's invention, to include an access barrier with the location processor to determine access authorization in the system of Bueno because this ensures that only authorize persons are allowed to pass through the access control barrier.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bueno US Patent 5532689 in view of Burger US Patent 6219439 and further in view of Dulude et al. US Patent 6310966 and further in view of Claus et al. US Patent 5310999.

Regarding claim 13, Bueno teaches the tag identification system is used in a toll road payment system (col. 2 lines 46-53) but is silent on teaching the location processor provides displayed identification data. The displaying of identification data represents a conventional practice as exemplified by Claus et al. (col. 5 lines 18+).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to displayed identification data in Bueno because the displaying of the identification information allow visual verification of the displayed identification information.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VERNAL U. BROWN whose telephone number is (571)272-3060. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-7:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Zimmerman can be reached on 571-272-3059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Vernal U Brown/
Examiner, Art Unit 2612